

# ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

## DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES



### NEWS RELEASE

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### **Lower Cook Inlet Salmon Fishery News Release #17**

**OUTER DISTRICT:** This announcement supersedes Announcement #16 that was released on Monday, July 23. Waters of the East Nuka Subdistrict will open to commercial salmon seining for daily 14 hour fishing periods from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., from Thursday, July 26 through Saturday, July 28. All Anadromous stream closures are in place. The waters of McCarty Lagoon are open beyond 500 yards of the terminus of any anadromous streams or rivers as specified in 5AAC 39.290.

The Delight Lake weir has reported passing 5,845 fish since July 16 when 3,800 sockeye salmon were counted in the lake on an aerial survey for a combined total escapement of 9,645 fish. The current Sustainable Escapement Goal (SEG) range for Delight Lake based on weir counts is 7,500 to 17,650 with a midpoint of 12,575 fish.

Furthermore, the department anticipates opening portions of the Outer District to common property harvest beginning on Monday, July 30.

Permit holders are advised that unscheduled announcements based on current escapement data may occur at any time inseason either establishing an additional period or extending an open period.

### **The next scheduled salmon fisheries announcement is anticipated to be on Friday, July 27.**

Announcement recordings are available on the 24-hour telephone recording in the Homer office at 907/235-7307. Additionally, announcements, inseason harvest data, and escapement data are available at the following web address:

<http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyarealci.salmon>

Unless otherwise specified, all openings are clock openings based on Alaska Daylight Time, which is based on Coordinated Universal Time and may be obtained by calling 303-499-7111.

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